of tribal districts of Chhota Udaipur constituency in Gujarat.

(i) Integrated Wastelands Development Project Scheme (IWDP)

(ii) Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Agencies (Grant-in-Aid)

(c) to (e) Information is given in the statement attached.

Statement

No.	Scheme	District	Date by which this scheme likely to be implemented	Total area of land under the scheme (ha.)	Out of which will be taken in tribal & backward areas (ha.)	No. of tribal families to be benefited by the scheme
1.	IWDP	Panchmahals	1993-94 to 97-98	3370	2631	2400
2.	IWDP	Banaskantha	1993-94 to 96-97	5000	1600	1330
3.	IWDP	Dang-I	1994-95 to 98-99	4095	4095	13500
4.	IWDP	Dang-II	1993-94 to 97-98	4096	4096	14880
5.	Grant-in-aid Scheme	Valsad	1995-96 to 97-98	61	61	200

IWDP - Integrated Wastelands Development Project Scheme.

[English]

NTPC/APSEB

2693. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between the NTPC and APSEB for setting up of a power project at Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, whether techno-economic clearance has been obtained from the CEA;

(c) if so, the total cost and capacity of the project; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir. The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has signed a Power Purchase Agreement with the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB) for the setting up of Simhadri Thermal Power Project of 1000 MW capacity in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has accorded techno-economic clearance to the project in August, 1996. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 3650.79 crores at first quarter, 1997 price level. The project comprises two units of 500 MW each.

(d) The first unit is envisaged to be commissioned within 56 months after Government approval and the second unit 9 months thereafter.

Increase of Water Supply

2694. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have principally agreed to increase water supply from 40 to 55 liters per capita per day and allow 30 per cent private houses connection in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether any final decision has been taken; and

(c) the time by which the decision is expected to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) to (c) The Empowered Committee of Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission has recommended that in States where coverage achieved is at 40 lpcd, service level of 55-70 lpcd can be adopted by designing the schemes ab initio for higher supply. However, the States including Maharashtra have been advised to ensure that sustainability of sources and system have to be taken into consideration before altering the designs.

Paraffin Wax

2695. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the criteria followed for awarding the dealership of Paraffin Wax; and

(b) the criteria for awarding the dealership of Paraffin Wax to Scheduled Caste Tribe and OBC candidates on priority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation took over marketing of paraffin wax from BPC/IBP during 1982. While taking over the marketing of paraffin wax from BPC/IBP, the existing dealer/distributor network was taken over by IOC under IOC's distributorship/dealership. In addition, during November, 1987 some new distributors have been appointed (considering 20 MT/month as the economically viable quantity) from the existing RO/SKO/LDO dealership network of IOC.No dealers have been appointed after 1987.

IOC(AOD) is distributing paraffin wax in North-Eastern States, West Bengal and Andaman and Nicobar Islands through Small Scale Industries Corporation of Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. MRL is distributing paraffin wax in Tamil Nadu and Kerala through the respective State's Small Industries Development Corporation. MRL also supplies paraffin wax directly to bulk customers as per their allocation by the Director of Industries, Tamil Nadu.

[Translation]

Development of Cities

2696. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM :
SHRI RAMSHAKAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of cities in States selected by the Prime Minister for special development; and

(b) the city-wise amount provided to each State under the above scheme during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) There are no cities selected by the Prime Minister for special development.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

KSEB/PFC

2697. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Power Finance Corporation had sanctioned any loan for re-structuring of the Karnataka State Electricity Board during 1996-97; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Power Finance Corporation has not so far sanctioned any loan for re-structuring of the Karnataka Electricity Board during 1996-97.

Population Explosion

2698. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI BIR SINGH MAHATO :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the population explosion has to late assumed alarming proportion particularly in the mega cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to curb the population growth in the cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The population growth rates of mega cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai have been fairly high. The decadal rates for 1981-91 for the cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai have been 46.95%, 52.81% 26.42% and 19.88% respectively.

(b) While the Government of India emphasises population control measures through family welfare schemes, as regards migration to mega cities from rural areas and small and medium towns, the approach of the Government is to address the problem through Rural Development Schemes and the Scheme of Integrated Development and Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT). The various rural development programmes such as Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Million Wells Scheme (MWS), Employment Assurances Scheme (EAS), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Rural Water Supply (RWS) etc., formulated by the Government of India emphasises the creation of job opportunities in villages through public works, employment and income generating programmes, etc. The IDSMT Scheme aims at the development of selected regional growth centres with key infrastructure so as to enable them to function as generators of economic growth and employment and to minimise the incentive of migrants belonging to villages and small and medium towns to move to large cities.

Simhadri Power Project

2699. DR. M JAGANNATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the APSEB and National Thermal Power